



# Saguaro National Park (East) Naturalist Program Schedule

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Programs meet at the Rincon Mountain Visitor Center, 3693 S. Old Spanish Trail. Program schedules are subject to change. Call the visitor center at (520) 733-5153 for updates or to make *RESERVATIONS*.  
*Programs marked with an \* are wheelchair accessible.*

## January 4 – January 10, 2010

### Monday, January 4

#### **11:00 a.m. Desert Adaptations\***

Join a park naturalist on this 30-minute garden walk to learn how plants have unique ways of adapting to their desert environment

### Tuesday, January 5

#### **9:00 a.m. Desert Morning Hike**

Join a park naturalist for this 3-hour, 4-mile exploration of Saguaro National Park. Wear sturdy hiking shoes and bring water and a trail snack.

#### **10:00 a.m. Sonoran Lifestyles**

Join a park naturalist on this two-hour, 1-mile walk to discover how plants and animals adapt to life in the desert. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring some water. .

#### **11:00 a.m. Natural History Table\***

Join a park naturalist on the visitor center patio to have your questions answered about the natural history of the Sonoran Desert. This is an on-going, 30-minute program.

### Wednesday, January 6

#### **9:00 a.m. Desert Morning Hike**

Join a park naturalist for this 3-hour, 4-mile exploration of Saguaro National Park. Wear sturdy hiking shoes and bring water and a trail snack.

#### **10:00 a.m. Desert Discovery**

Join park naturalists on this two-hour, 2-mile walk to discover the secrets of the Sonoran Desert. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water.

### Thursday, January 7

#### **11:00 a.m. Desert Discovery**

Join park naturalists on this two-hour, 2-mile walk to discover the secrets of the Sonoran Desert. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water.

#### **7:00 p.m. Star Party**

Join park naturalists for an introduction to astronomy and a look at the desert night sky. Telescopes and binoculars will be available. *This program is wheelchair accessible.* ♿

### **Friday, January 8**

**8:30 a.m.**

#### **Desert Bird Walk**

Join volunteer naturalists Vicki Powers and Ralph Terry for an easy two-hour walk in search of desert birds. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water.

**11:00 a.m.**

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### **Saturday, January 9**

**11:00 a.m.**

#### **Desert Adaptations**

Join a park naturalist on this 30-minute garden walk to learn how plants have unique ways of adapting to their desert environment

### **Sunday, January 10**


**11:00 a.m.**

#### **People and Places\***

Join Park Ranger Arlo Ogden in the Visitor Center auditorium for this photo tour of the park's historic past, focusing on the stories told by its historic structures..

**2:00 p.m.**

#### **Yesterday, Today,...and Saguaro?**

Change is coming to the Cactus Forest and we can't do anything about it! But don't worry – change has been happening here for thousands of years. Come explore the life cycles of the saguaro cactus and the changing face of its Sonoran Desert home on this ¼ mile, 90-minute walk. *This program is wheelchair accessible.* 

**3:00 p.m.**

#### **Desert Adaptations\***

Join a park naturalist on this 30-minute garden walk to learn how plants have unique ways of adapting to their desert environment